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From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point
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Subj: DENTAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) MCO 6600.3
(b) SECNAVINST 6600.3 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To promulgate a comprehensive and clearly defined dental treatment program for MCAS, Cherry Point, through which commanding officers may effectively satisfy their responsibility for the Dental Health Readiness of their units.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 6600.2A.

3. Background. Experiences during past hostilities and extended deployments demonstrated a considerable loss of hours due to emergency dental care. Dental disease is controllable by current therapeutic measures. Therefore, early detection and implementation of corrective measures, in advance of operational commitments and deployments, will ensure that dental disorders do not adversely effect a unit's combat readiness.

4. Information

a. Dental readiness is defined by those personnel in Dental Class 1 and 2, in which there is little chance for a dental emergency to effect mission accomplishment. The dental classification system is outlined in the enclosure to reference (a). Additionally, dental requirements for various schools and duty assignments are noted.

b. The Marine Corps Dental Treatment Program (MCDTP) consists of two distinct treatment steps:

(1) Step I. The identification and prevention of dental disease through examination and use of preventive instructional and therapeutic measures. This step of treatment is required annually and personnel deficient are identified as Dental Class 4.

(2) Step II. The treatment procedures necessary for the elimination and correction of serious dental disease. Personnel requiring this treatment are identified as Dental Class 3.

5. Policy. In accordance with the references, the Dental Readiness Goal for MCAS, Cherry Point and tenant commands is 95% Class 1 and 2. For units in a deployment or alert status, the goal will be 100% Class 1 and 2. Dental Readiness will be monitored by the Dental Liaison at 12th Dental Company, MCAS, Cherry Point.

a. Step I. This treatment regimen will be conducted on a continuing basis to ensure that the requirements of reference (b) are met for all personnel.

(1) All personnel, upon reporting to MCAS, Cherry Point, will check-in at the supporting dental facility. This includes personnel reporting to units in connection with the Fleet Assistance Program.

(2) A weekly dental report audit of dental records will be conducted to identify individuals in need of the required annual examination.

(3) Lists of personnel with required treatment needs and in Dental Class 4 status will be made available to commanding officers via the Dental Liaison Representative.

b. Step 11. This treatment for personnel in Dental Class 3 will be conducted on a continuing basis.

(1) Personnel requiring this treatment will be identified monthly by the Dental Liaison's Automatic Data Processing (ADP) print-out to the CO via e-mail.

(2) In accordance with reference (a), personnel identified as needing Step II treatment shall achieve a Dental Class 1 or 2 readiness status within 120 days of identification.

c. Step 111. This treatment for personnel in Dental Class 2 will be conducted on a continuing basis. Class 2 personnel have dental treatment needs identified in needs assessment data.

6. Action

a. Commanding officers, MCAS Units, and Tenant Commanding Officers:

(1) Designate a "Dental Contact Officer" within your command for liaison with the supporting dental activity and to supervise the overall program.

(2) The Dental Contact Officer/SNCO shall be designated in writing to the Company Commander, 12th Dental Company, MCAS, Cherry Point.

b. Dental Contact Officer/SNCO. Establish a dental program in coordination with the Company Dental Liaison Representative to meet the goals as set forth in paragraph 4 and the following requirements:

(1) Provide accurate personnel rosters of assigned personnel monthly and 60 days prior to scheduled deployments.

(2) Provide scheduling support to ensure unit personnel compliance with all dental appointments.

(3) Ensure that newly reporting personnel report to the dental facility for record verification and dental examination as part of the check-in procedure.

(4) Ensure that personnel nominated for Recruiting, Marine Security Guard, Independent/remote or Drill Instructor duty receive Step I treatment.

c. Dental Treatment Facility

(1) Provide Step I and Step II treatment on a continuing basis, Step III treatment as operational commitments dictate.

(2) Provide essential Step II dental treatment on a priority basis for non-dental qualified and deploying or alert force personnel.

(3) Establish a flexible working schedule as required to meet peak demand and/or deployment schedules.

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(4) Establish direct liaison with Dental Contact Officer/SNCO's to ensure that the unit's dental requirements are met.

(5) Provide the supported unit with a monthly dental readiness status report, including dental appointment compliance.

(6) Provide monthly rosters of personnel requiring Step I and Step II treatment.

7. Summary of Revision. This revision contains major changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.

8. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in by the CG, 2d MAW, CO's, NADEP, NAV HOSP, and CSSD-21.


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